Greetings OSWA members, families and friends! Spring 2011 (Feb, Mar, Apr)

This quarter, we have some new things to talk about and look into as a chapter of our state association. For many of you that have been around for a few years, the talk of our Oregon Small Woodlands Association from the state level has been one of dropping membership and rising costs of doing business. From the chapter level, these things aren’t as obvious as we are not involved in the legislative work or a great part of the publications. Since ours is a volunteer association, all we get is what we do, including this short but hopefully sweet newsletter each quarter and a tour or two. Many of the state issues trickle down to us with the smaller budgets of course, but it is here at the chapters that we can pick things up if we want to. These things will be the main topics at our annual meeting, which will be held on April 2nd. What do we want our chapter and association to be or become, who wants to help and how do we make it happen.

But that’s not all! We will have a couple things not to be missed this quarter, including a tour of one of our directors properties; Ed Miller and his wife Gael will host a tour of their forest property near Falls City, uniquely named Odd’s End.

Put these two dates on your calendar right away!
March 26\textsuperscript{th}, Saturday. A tour of the Miller forest near Falls City, 10 am till noon. Directions; Find yourself on hwy 223 going south out of Dallas toward Kings Valley, or north from KV to Dallas. About 5 miles south of Dallas, take the Falls City Road west. Go into and through Falls City, veering left over the bridge and make a right onto Parry Rd. Go nearly to the top and look for a gravel road marked 20695 Private rd. - No Tresp on right. Follow this road over the bridge and up the hill. Park the car, grab a cup of coffee and crumpets and start visiting.

April 2\textsuperscript{nd}, also a Saturday, OUR ANNUAL MEETING, 12 Noon at Great Wall Buffet. Please come! Find the Great Wall Buffet at 2875 Commercial St. SE, Salem; just where Commercial and Liberty diverge, on the west side of the street. The meeting room is just inside the door to the right. Total cost per person is just $5, as our chapter will pick up the rest. This year PLEASE bring friends who may have forestland and an interest in OSWA and our chapter will also cover all but $5 of the meal cost for your guests. Come in, drop $5 in the hat, grab a raffle ticket and head to the excellent buffet!

On the Agenda

Food, door prizes, OSWA things

- Guest Speaker; Charles LeFevre PhD, New World Truffieres Inc. who will give us a presentation on the great potential for truffles in our Doug Fir forests!
- Log Market Report, Terry Lamers. Things are looking up, sort of.
- Treasurer’s Report, Diana Blair. Must be OK, we are helping with lunch
- Election of officers. Nominations sought, appoint your buddy.
- Forum discussion on the direction of OSWA and how we can all help our chapter and the greater association.

We will also have a presentation from a fellow that has started a company building log grapples for tractors out of Dallas OR. Tom Repko of Small Woodlot Tools LLC will tell us about his company and it’s products.

Now, in mid February as you get this newsletter, if you missed Tree School… please make a note for next year. Do Not Miss Tree School Again! When the catalog comes in early January, sign up right away. It is the best overall educational opportunity for forest people, in Oregon, every year. This year they signed up 575 people in the first four weeks, with a cap of 600, you can see that the classes everyone wants fill up fast. Contact OSU Extension to get on their Tree School Clackamas mailing list. It is worth the effort (and the 60 or 70 dollars) for the best one-day event you are likely to come across.

See you at our annual meeting on April 2\textsuperscript{nd}!